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Letter dated 27 June 2002 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

You will recall that at the request of the Regional Initiative and the Facilitator of the Arusha peace process, Mr. Nelson Mandela, my Special Representative for the Great Lakes region, Mr. Berhanu Dinka, was appointed Chairman of the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) in November 2000. Following the establishment of the Transitional Government in Burundi last November and the repatriation of the IMC to the country in March of this year, it has been my intention to reassign Mr. Dinka from his responsibilities as my Special Representative for the Great Lakes region and to ask him to devote full time to Burundi.

Accordingly, I have decided to appoint Mr. Dinka as my Special Representative for Burundi. He will take up his new responsibilities in Burundi on 1 July 2002 and, in that capacity, head the restructured and strengthened United Nations political presence in the country and continue to serve as Chairman of IMC and its Executive Committee.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

I will be writing to you separately about the proposed succession to Mr. Dinka as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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